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November 13, via Express Mail

Commissioner of Patents  
Box **PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington DC 20231  
Re: Patent Application **09/923,249** of ✓  
**Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.,**  
**Newcomer Products, Inc., and U.S.**  
**Synthetics, Inc.** filed 08/ 03/ 2001  
Inventorship: **Boyce (James E. Boyce)**  
Title: **Shaped Cutting-Grade Inserts**  
**with Transitionless Diamond-**  
**Enhanced Surface Layer (Docket No. SC-00-08)**

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ (if checked) Formal Drawings
- ☐ (if checked) an Information Disclosure Statement (together with Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited references), and
- ☐ (if checked) a certified copy of the priority application.

These papers are being filed in response to a **Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional)** mailed 10/ 29/ 01 (copy attached). Any extension of time necessary for the consideration of these papers is hereby respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due as the surcharge was paid on 09/ 28/ 01 with the filing of response to Notice To File Missing Parts dated 09/ 13/ 01. However, please charge any additional fee needed to complete filing, or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 07-2320. In any case the Commissioner is requested to grant any extension necessary to prevent abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 09/28/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/13/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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